



MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Anna Shults and John Wolf

DATE: May 29, 2012

SUBJECT: Proposed rulemaking in response to HEA 1376

In the 2012 legislative session, the legislature passed HEA 1376, which affected the application of the Reading Plan Rule for Charter Schools. In summary:

- Charter schools are exempt from the requirement of submitting a full reading plan to the IDOE, as required for traditional public schools and accredited nonpublic schools under 511 IAC 6.2-3.1. They **may** submit the plans if they so choose, but they are not required.
- Although not required to submit the plan to the IDOE, charter schools continue to be required to **develop** a less full-bodied plan. The Reading Plan required of Charter is limited to two components: “(1) A method for making determinant evaluations of reading skills by grade 3; and (2) Retention as a last resort for students reading below grade level as measured by the evaluation or assessment.” HEA 1376. The sponsor may require submission.

The department seeks approval to initiate the rulemaking process to modify the existing rule to reflect the HEA 1376 changes.